

## **Washington: The Party of YES**

**Increase the National Debt** — Congress votes nearly every week to approve new federal spending, adding billions to the national debt, which currently sits at more than \$13 trillion.

**Violate PAYGO** — In just the few months since the passage of PAYGO, the Senate has voted to add more than \$200 billion to the deficit, in clear violation of the spirit of PAYGO, which purports to pay for all new spending by reducing lower-priority federal spending.

**Corporate Welfare** — Every year Congress funds dozens of research and development grant programs that are nothing more than handouts to large companies.

**Increase the Debt Limit** — Instead of cutting spending and eliminating waste and fraud, Congress repeatedly enable its out-of-control spending habit by increasing the debt limit, most recently pushing the limit to more than \$14 trillion.

**Fund the Bridge to Nowhere** — Despite widespread opposition and other national pressing transportation needs, Congress voted to fund the infamous Bridge to Nowhere.

**Increase Congress' Own Budget** — Last year congress gave itself a \$245 million, 5.8 percent raise, while inflation remained at zero and most Americans faced wage decreases.

**Tax Breaks for Special Interests** — The Debt Extenders bill includes billions of dollars in tax breaks for big companies and special interests.

**Borrow Billions from our Grandchildren** — Every single day Congress approves spending billions of dollars and refuses to cut back excessive and wasteful government spending.

**Duplicative Government Programs** — In just two weeks my office found more than 640 duplicative government programs wasting billions of taxpayer dollars. Congress has voted against numerous amendments calling on the federal agencies to reduce and consolidate these duplicative government programs.